

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.  
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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.  
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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Sense of the House regarding the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo Co., CA on 12/22/03:* H. Res. 519, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo, Co., CA, on 12/22/03, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 42;

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*Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3536, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office";

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*Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3537, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office";

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*Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3538, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office";

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*Congratulating the Detroit Shock:* H. Res. 392, congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association championship, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 43; and

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*Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes:* H. Res. 475, congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 44.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measures to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 10.

*Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act:* S. 1881, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections re-

lating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; and

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*Sense of Congress that "Kids Love a Mystery" is a program that works and should be encouraged:* H. Con. Res. 373, expressing the sense of Congress that Kids Love a Mystery is a program that promotes literacy and should be encouraged.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a report on implementation of PL 107–228 concerning Russian Debt Reduction for Nonproliferation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (108–171); and

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Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to enter into a free trade agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (108–172).

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**Senate Message:** Message from the Senate appears today on page H877.

**Senate Referral:** S. 741 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and S. Con. Res. 96 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H927–28.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Teachers and Math and Science Education. Testimony was heard from Vicki Bernstein, Director, Alternative Certification, Department of Education, New York City; and public witnesses.

### NONPROLIFERATION: ASSESSING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY EXPORT CONTROLS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emergency Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Nonproliferation: Assessing Missile Technology Export Controls.

Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert W. Maggi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Tome H. Walters, Jr., USAF, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; and Lisa Bronson, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation; Andrew Feickert, Specialist, National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice: Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of the Solicitor General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Peter Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Guy Lewis, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys; and Lawrence Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro-forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives KELLER and WATT.

#### UNINSURED

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Uninsured. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005; to be followed by closed hearings in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry relating to the regulatory landscape, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine Argentina's financial crisis, 1 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the use and effects of steroids, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA/Mars exploration program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.